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2007 School Board Election Calendar

Note: Dates in this calendar may be verified with the Board of Elections calendar, available on the Web at <http://www.elections.state.il.us/>

Also Note: Information in parentheses refers to the appropriate state statute. The Election Code is found at 10 ILCS 5/1-1 et seq., while the School Code is at 105 ILCS 5/1-1 et seq.

Duties of the School Board Secretary (Local Election Official)

Tuesday, November 7, 2006 — First day that prospective candidates may circulate nominating petitions for signatures for the April 17, 2007 school board election. (Election Code 10-4)

Friday, January 19, 2007 — Last day to publish notice of the time and place for filing nominating petitions. *This is optional.* (School Code 9-10)

Monday, January 29 — First day that candidates may file nominating papers with the board secretary for the April 17, 2007 school board election. (School Code 9-10 and Election Code 10-6)

Monday, February 5 — Last day candidates may file nominating papers with the board secretary. (School Code 9-10 and Election Code 10-6)

Also—Last day for the school board secretary to notify candidates, in writing, of the acceptance of their nominating papers. (School Code 9-10)

Also—Last day for candidate to file receipt for Statement of Economic Interests to accompany nominating papers. (School Code 9-10 and Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, 5 ILCS 420/4A-105)

Wednesday, February 7 — Last day for board secretary to provide written Notice of Simultaneous Filing Lottery if lottery is to be held on February 14, the last available day. The law requires notice of at least seven days before the lottery. (School Code 9-11.1 and Election Code 10-6.2)

Tuesday, February 13 — Last day to file objections to the nominating papers of candidates who have filed for the April 17 school board election. (Election Code 10-8)

Also—Last day for a candidate who has filed petitions for two seats (full and partial terms) to withdraw one or the other. (Election Code 10-7)

Wednesday, February 14 — Last day for board secretary to hold a lottery to establish the order of names

on the ballot in the event of simultaneous candidate filings. (School Code 9-11.1 et seq. and Election Code 10-6.2)

Thursday, February 15 — Last day for board secretary to certify candidates to the election authority (county clerk or election commission in some locales) for the April 17 school board election. (Election Code 10-15)

Also—Last day for board secretary to certify public policy questions to the election authority for referendum at the April 17 election. (Election Code 28-5)

Also — Last day candidate may file notarized papers withdrawing nomination. (Election Code 10-7)

Tuesday, April 17 — Consolidated Election Day.

Tuesday, May 8 — Last day for the election authority (county clerk or elections commission) to canvass election results and proclaim winners. (School Code 9-18 and Election Code 22-17, et seq.)

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Duties of the Board of Education

***Monday, February 12, 2007** — Last day for the school board to adopt a resolution putting public policy questions on the ballot for the April 17 election. Resolution must provide wording for ballot proposition. (Election Code 28-2)

Tuesday, May 15 — Last day for the school board to reorganize by seating new members, electing officers and setting a time and place for regular meetings. (School Code 10-5 and 10-16)

* Lincoln's Birthday, a legal holiday.

Important Dates for Candidates

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Monday, February 5 — Last day to file nominating petitions with the board secretary. (School Code 9-10 and Election Code 10-6)

Also—Last day for candidate to file receipt for Statement of Economic

Interests to accompany nominating papers. (School Code 9-10 and Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, 5 ILCS 420/4A-105)

NOTE: The Statement of Economic Interests for 2007 must be filed between January 1 and February 5 for any incumbent board member seeking re-election as well as for any new candidate.

Thursday, March 8 — Last day for organizations to register poll watchers with the election authority. (Election Code 17-23)

Tuesday, April 3 — Last day for election authority to have poll watchers credentials available for distribution. (Election Code 17-23)

Tuesday, April 10 — Last day to file a declaration of intent to run for the school board as a write-in candidate at the April 17 election. Within ten days after the election authority proclaims winners, a successful write-in candidate must file a statement of candidacy and a county clerk's receipt for the Statement of Economic Interests. (Election Code 17-16.1 and 18-9.1)

Friday, April 13 — Last day for the election authority to have ballots printed and available for inspection by candidates and their agents for the April 17 election. (Election Code 5/16-5)